## **EXHIBIT JJ**

## Hood, Jill

From:

Wiseheart, Martha

Sent:

Wednesday, February 26, 2014 9:12 AM

To:

Hood, Jill; Bork, Fiona

Subject:

RE: Info needed

My account of the yesterdays event

1230-100pm Natalie was stating that she was not going to be at Clinton on Thursday to do reg's. I said that I was not going to be in either as I am on vacation starting Wed afternoon.

She said that she is being punished. I asked punished how? She said that she is being removed from her site because she knows how much Fiona makes. I told her that I doubt that she is being punished and that moving people from one site to another is something that happens in HFML. She said that she is no longer able to train staff at her site - that it has been taken away.

She rambled on making other statements about how Clinton is her site and the people come to Clinton to see her. That its just not right that she be moved around and its not fair to her patients.

She also made statements to the effect that she trained the only staff who have been here the longest and attributes their longevity to her training. She just continued on, with how unfair it all was to her.

I tried to explain that everyone is moving and that the employees who have been here were also trained by other employees and that they work at like 5 different sites.

She was getting herself worked up. She made a comment to me that she had to close down and go to lunch. Next thing I know, I see an email pop up on my computer stating that she was closing the site down and putting up a sign. I did not give her any permission to do this, nor did she ask me for permission.

Please be advised that given the recent events surrounding her stating no lunches, I was not aware if any arrangements that she made with Fiona regarding lunches. I do know that Fiona was going to be speaking to her and making arrangements at some point in time for her to start taking lunches.

I did see her leave with her coat and took her keys, approx 112 pm I am extremely busy with conf calls and Epic most of the day so I don't pay

much attention to what she is doing.

- I find it a little amusing that Natalie interrupts me almost on a daily basis while I m on conf calls and doing other items - but did not do anything other than send me an email

I have no recollection that anyone has ever been able to leave a site without prior permission from Fiona. Even if staff ask me, I end up calling Fiona for approval as she is the manager who over sees the staff and the sites.

At one time sales distributed signs to staff to put up in the event that a site has to close in case of an emergency. These signs were to be posted at the direction of the HFML management.

Martha Wiseheart MT(ASCP)
Henry Ford Medical Laboratories Operations Manager

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From: Hood, Jill

Sent: Wednesday, February 26, 2014 7:21 AM

To: Bork, Fiona; Wiseheart, Martha

Cc: Hood, Jill

HFH 535

## Subject: Info needed

HI ladies, I received Natalie's statement last night regarding leaving the facility for lunch. In her statement she mentioned that she has been allowed to take emergency brakes in the past and simply post a sign on the door stating that the office would be close for lunch. Is this correct? Has she been allowed to do this in the past without prior authorization? In her statement she mentioned that she has a sign that has been given to her to post on the door for when issues arise and she needs to close the facility for a designated period of time. Is this correct? If not what is the normal protocol and or policy around the usage of the sign?

Martha, Natalie mentioned that before she left the facility yesterday she had spoken with you and you had witnessed her Putting on her Jacket and her boots to leave the facility. Is this correct? Did she ever ask you if she could close the facility and leave? Did she ask you to cover her for her lunch? Was anything at all said in regards to her taking a break? Please provide me with any information you have on the events from yesterday.

Thank you

Sent from my IPhone

## Hood, Jill

From:

Hood, Jill

Sent:

Wednesday, February 26, 2014 9:24 PM Hood, Jill; natalie\_19\_99@yahoo.com

To: Subject:

Re: Natalie Reeser: Response to Suspension, and Request for Reinstatement of Position

Natalie, thank you for the information you provided. As I previously mentioned, when we spoke over the phone yesterday, the information you provided will be utilized during the investigation process.

I do need a bit of clarification, however, based on the documentation you had provided.

- 1. You stated that Fiona and security "refused to allow me to take any of my personal belongings with me". My understanding however, is that the only items you were not allowed to take we're those that needed to be reviewed for Henry Ford property (which included a binder and file folder of documents). I was informed that you did collect and take personal items such as pictures, food, and a foot massager.
- 2. You mentioned that "Clinton Township has provided us with signs to post on our entrance for times when an employee 'truly' needs a rest ". You later stated "management kept a folder on my desk labeled door signs". However when Fiona and Martha asked you for the sign that you posted on the door I understand that your response was "I shredded it ". Is that correct? If so, why would you have shredded company property?
- 3. During our phone conversation yesterday you told me that there have been occasions in the past where you closed the office, for a designated period of time during the normal business hours, without prior authorization from Fiona. You stated that and there were no consequences (not viewed as job abandonment) on those occasions. I specifically requested that you provide me information on those situations as that information would be crucial to this investigation. That information however was not contained within your statement.

Please provide the additional information requested so that I can continue with the investigation.

Thank you

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 25, 2014, at 11:16 PM, "Natalie K. Reeser" < natalie 19 99@yahoo.com > wrote:

Dear Ms. Hood,

Per your request for my written response, after months of continuing supervisory harassment (under the full knowledge of Human Resources), at about 4 p.m. today, my supervisor, Fiona Bork, brought security to the Clinton Township Patient Service Center and, with no prior knowledge, reasoning or

warning, removed my employee credentials from me, refused to allow me to take any of my personal belongings with me, and informed me that I was being suspended for "abandoning my position," for taking a break today. I have NEVER abandoned anything in my career!

Please know that today, as with EVERY DAY since you and I met on Monday, January 20, 2014 – and for months before that date, Ms. Bork has been allowed to openly and continuously harass me at work for her own personal gain. I have supplied Human Resources/you with more than enough written and verbal documentation of this harassment, and yet nothing, absolutely nothing has been done to stop Ms. Bork from using company resources for her own personal vendetta against me. I am an excellent employee, and do not understand why anyone employed with this company, especially in a Human Resources capacity, will not assist an hourly employee in need of support and protection from a clearly unsteady manager.

Today, after enduring much more of Ms. Bonk's unprofessional behavior toward me, I emailed a note to Ms. Bork, Martha Wiseheart (our operations manager), and Luain Hajjar, stating I was taking a break. With regards to breaks, Clinton Township has been provided with signs to post on our entrance door for times when an employee 'truly' needs a rest, and/or in case of an emergency. I would substantiate, based on Ms. Bork's behavior toward me today, that both applied, and that the sign was more than appropriately posted on our entrance door. In addition, Ms. Wiseheart was on-site at the Clinton Township Patient Service Center when I sent out that email and when I left for my break. She could see I was crying from Ms. Bork's uncalled-for behavior, and that I 'truly' needed a rest. Surely I do not need to be crying in front of patients.

Since no one seemed to care that was I was taking a break (certainly no one responded to my email, or called me on either my office line, or my work cell phone to say, "No Natalie, you cannot take a break today," I thought it was okay to take a rest, ESPECIALLY since Ms. Wiseheart was on-site and aware of all situations. Therefore, I put on my shoes, put on my coat, posted the break sign on our entrance door, and left for a much needed rest. Again, our operations manager was on-site, in our lab, when I put on my shoes, put on my coat, posted the break sign on our entrance door, and left for a much needed rest, and she NEVER said one word to me about not leaving the premises.

Re-emphasizing, at no time today did anyone, including Ms. Bork or Ms. Wiseheart, relay to me that: 1) I was breaking any rules by taking a break; 2) that there would be consequences if I took a break; 3) that I would be "abandoning my position" by taking a break; 4) that I would be suspended from my position for taking a break; and/or 5) for any other reason, for taking a break.

Additionally, please know I have followed this same procedure in the past when 'truly' needing a break, and at no time in the past has anyone, including Ms. Bork or Ms. Wiseheart, relayed to me that: 1) I was breaking any rules by taking a break; 2) that there would be consequences if I took a break; 3) that I would be

"abandoning my position" by taking a break; 4) that I would be suspended from my position for taking a break; and/or 5) for any other reason, for taking a break.

Therefore, it was my logical understanding that I could take a break. Why else would management keep a folder on my desk labeled, "Door Signs," if I was not allowed to use them when 'truly' needed; surely management would keep them securely filed away in their office if I wasn't allowed to make a decision about 'truly' needing a break. And I didn't just make a decision that I 'truly' needed a break, I also informed them that I 'truly' needed a break, and no one bothered to even acknowledge my simple request. Three management personnel were properly contacted, three management personnel disregarded me, and disregarded my email.

Please know that Ms. Wiseheart has shown herself to be a close friend of mine, a confident to me, up to and including inviting me to her son's wedding last fall. And up to today, I believed I could trust her guidance. So now I am questioning if, after I sent my e-mail today, that Ms. Wiseheart was ordered by Ms. Bork to allow me to take this break and not say anything to me, so Ms. Bork could use her power to suspend me from my position, ultimately following through on her personal threat against me (which you personally listened to on Monday, January 20, 2014).

The answer to this question could be easily found in any email/s relayed between Ms. Bork and Ms. Wiseheart immediately following my e-mail stating I needed a break. I would not be surprised to learn that instead of responding to my request, as a professional supervisor would do, Ms. Bork took the time and opportunity to plan my immediate suspension with the remaining management team. Now, I can't read such e-mails, but Human Resources can request access to them; however, whether or not anyone in Human Resources actually reads such e-mails on my behalf before they are deleted by management, says volumes about whether Human Resources is here to support an hourly person or solely Ms. Bork.

How much harassment, and embarrassment, and humiliation, is one person expected to endure to be successfully employed by Henry Ford Medical Laboratories? Please believe me when I say this is an honest question. On Monday, January 20, 2014, you personally stated to me you would resolve the issue of breaks, and implement a break/funch policy at the Clinton Township Patlent Service Center no later than Friday, January 24, 2014. As we both know, this did not happen. Perhaps if someone, *anyone* in Human Resources cared *anything* about me as a person, let alone as an employee, and/or other hourly persons/employees left alone in labs all day, Ms. Bork would not have had the free reign to do what she did to both me, and Henry Ford Medical Laboratories, today.

Let's be clear: we are talking about a suspension for a break for lunch, something both hourly and salary employees, including Ms. Bork and Ms. Wiseheart (who frequently 'rest' and eat their lunches in front of me) are provided by this medical institution each day, because we are, and promote ourselves to be - to

this community and to the world – a health-conscious organization. Our West Bloomfield site has and promotes a 'professional chef' on staff so its employees can eat nutritious food during their daily lunch breaks. Our West Bloomfield site even has a beautiful 'waterfall' so its employees can experience peaceful moments during their daily lunch breaks. But Natalie Reeser is <u>suspended</u> for abandoning her position,' for taking a very rare break to drink a protein shake and take a peaceful moment, sitting in alone in her car, for less than 30 minutes, after following the appropriate and implemented procedures for taking such a break?

Therefore, I am asking to be reinstated into my position this week, and that any documentation related to Ms. Bork's truly unbelievable access to and use of our medical facility's proprietary resources for her own personal gain, be expunged from my record.

Please know I will fully cooperate with you throughout this investigation regarding my 'abandoning my position,' by taking a break today. Is this really what my talking to Human Resources, and asking for its intervention and protection from Ms. Bork, has been reduced to for me? A suspension for one of your most dedicated employees?

As known by all, if even based solely on my *empty* personnel file – which truly speaks for itself, I have been nothing less than an exemplary employee for Henry Ford Medical Laboratories, and I look forward to the opportunity to continue to care for our Clinton Township Patient Service Center patients again soon, under the guidance and supervision of a steady manager. Thank you.

Sincerely, Natalie K. Reeser